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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON AMERICANS IN PRISON IN  
MEXICO - COMPLAINTS OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY

1. IN REVIEWING STATEMENTS MADE BY AMERICAN CITIZENS  
IMPRISONED IN MEXICO, THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOTICED A  
FREQUENT COMPLAINT THAT PRISONERS ARE NOT GIVEN RECEIPTS  
FOR PROPERTY CONFISCATED AT THE TIME OF THEIR ARREST. IN  
SOME CASES, PRISONERS STATED, A PARTIAL INVENTORY IS  
INCLUDED IN THEIR COURT RECORDS OR SOME OR ALL OF THE  
PROPERTY IS LATER RETURNED. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED  
THAT SUCH COMPLAINTS BE ALWAYS ACTED UPON OR RECORDED.

2. THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT A PRISONER'S ATTORNEY  
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IS BEST ABLE TO ASSIST THE PRISONER IN THIS MATTER. IN  
SOME CASES, HOWEVER, THE ATTORNEY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO  
DO SO. THE POST IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT  
WHAT ACTION IT BELIEVES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE POST

TO TAKE IN SUCH CASES.

3. THE DEPARTMENT IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED IN SEEKING  
REMEDIES FOR SUCH COMPLAINTS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING  
PRISONERS DURING THEIR INTERVIEWS WITH DEPARTMENT TEAM  
MEMBERS IN MID-JUNE: WERNER JEFFREY BLACKBURN, DONALD

BRASWELL, JAMES DOUGLAS, MICHAEL HEINECHEN, FRANK RENNA  
AND FRANK ZELLET.

4. TO BE USEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR PURPOSES OF ITS  
PRESENTATION TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE, A REPORT ON REMEDIES  
SHOULD BE IN THE DEPARTMENT BY JULY 7. INGERSOLL

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